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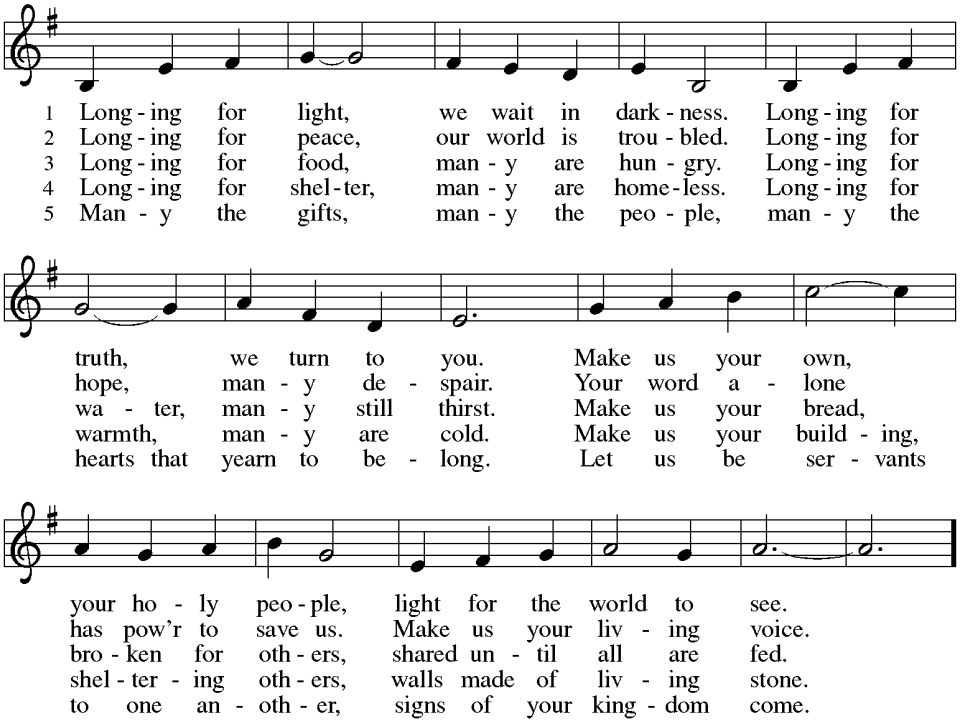
# Reformation Sunday

## Stewardship Conversation: Concordia Connections

## October 25th, 2026

**Prelude** *"Fantasie in D Major"*
on '*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*' by Paul Fey
with a choir presentation of *"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"*
written by Martin Luther

**Opening Hymn** ELW #715 *"Christ Be Our Light"*



## Opening Dialog — Psalm 46

A: God is our refuge and strength,
**C: a very present help in trouble.**

A: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
**C: and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

A: though its waters rage and foam,
**C: and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

A: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
**C: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

A: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
**C: God shall help it at the break of day.**

A: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
**C: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

A: The Lord of hosts is with us;
**C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

A: Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
**C: what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

A: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
**C: who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

A: "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
**C: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

A: The Lord of hosts is with us;
**C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## ELW #867 *"In Thee Is Gladness"*



## Stewardship Conversation: Concordia Connections

Now for something completely different.

We want to hear from you.

Today, we invite you to reflect on **Concordia Connections**—how you are connected to Concordia Church and with members of our faith community. This morning, we will pause from our usual sermon time and engage in meaningful conversations about our connections. Together, we will explore where we already feel connected, where there may be opportunities to strengthen those connections, and how we can create new points of connection for people both within and beyond our congregation. Through these conversations, we hope to imagine how our time, talents, relationships, and financial gifts can help Concordia continue to be a welcoming and meaningful place of connection for years to come.

**What do you see as the most impactful way we reach out to the community?**

**What are other ways we can connect our neighbors to our community?**

**Is there an event or small group topic you would invite your neighbors and friends to take part in?**

***If you are worshiping with us via livestream, please feel free to share any comments you have in the YouTube chat.***



Anthem *"God Alone Be Praised Per Crucem"*
music by Zebulon M Highben

Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended into hell.**
**On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession

A: Called to the renewal of our faith in Baptism, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.
**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.
**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially *[pause for names]*, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *[pause for names]* ….we pray to you.
**C: Hear us, O God.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
**C: Amen.**

## The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.*

## Offertory Anthem

*"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"*
Irish Melody "*St Columba*" with Text by Fred Kaan
arr. for Chorus by Jane Holstein

## The Offering

*Thank you for supporting our ministries with our financial gifts. Scan the QR code to the left to easily make a one-time gift or establish a recurring gift.*

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2) Online: Visit www.onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
3) Via cash or check left in the offering plate or mailed to the church at:

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   Chicago, IL 60618

## Offertory Hymn

## W&P #5 *"All That We Have"*

*verse 1*



### Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father
**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

### The Great Thanksgiving

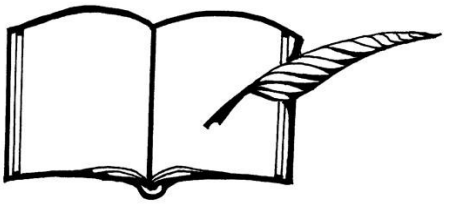
P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

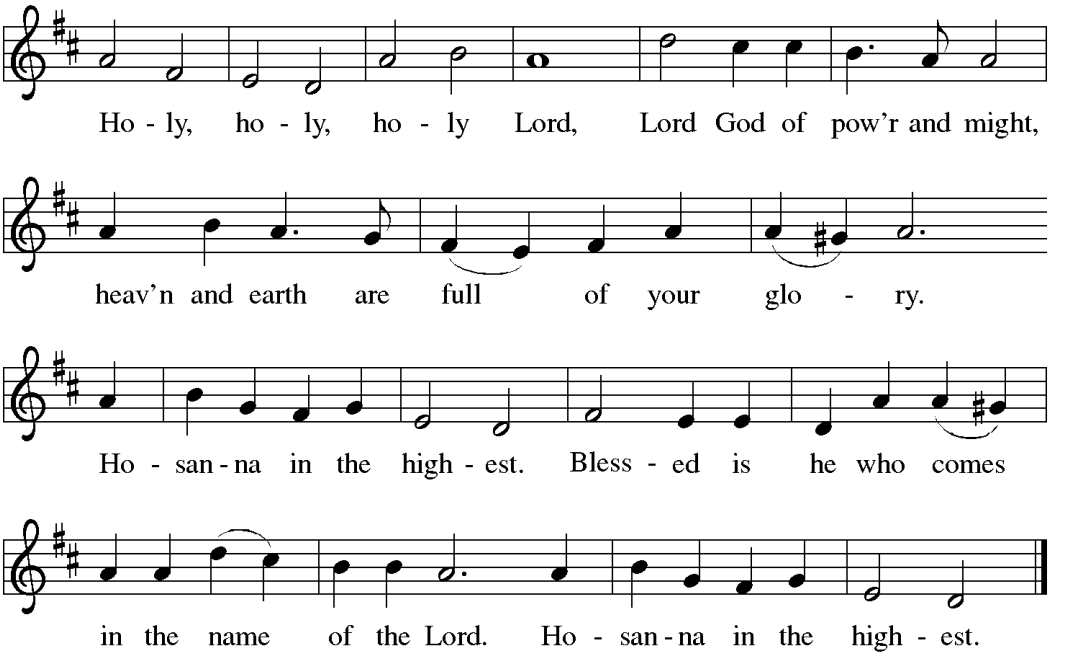
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



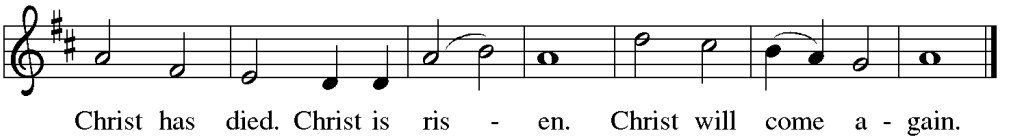
## Sanctus




P: You are indeed Holy, mighty, and merciful.
You loved the world so much
you sent your only Son to be our Savior.
The Lord of all life came to live among us.
He healed and taught, ate, with sinners,
and won for you a new people
by water and the Spirit.
We saw his glory.
Yet he humbled himself in obedience to your will,
freely accepting death on a cross.
By dying, he freed us from unending death;
by rising from the dead, he gave us everlasting life.

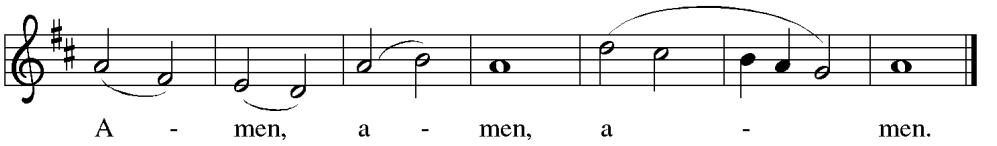
P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
the Lord Jesus took bread.
After giving you thanks, he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
When the supper was over, he took the cup.
Again he returned thanks to you,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Drink from this, all of you,
this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
We pray for his coming in final victory,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**C:**




P: Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us,
gathered here out of love for you,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread
And may the Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in service to all the world.
Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**C:**



## The Lord's Prayer

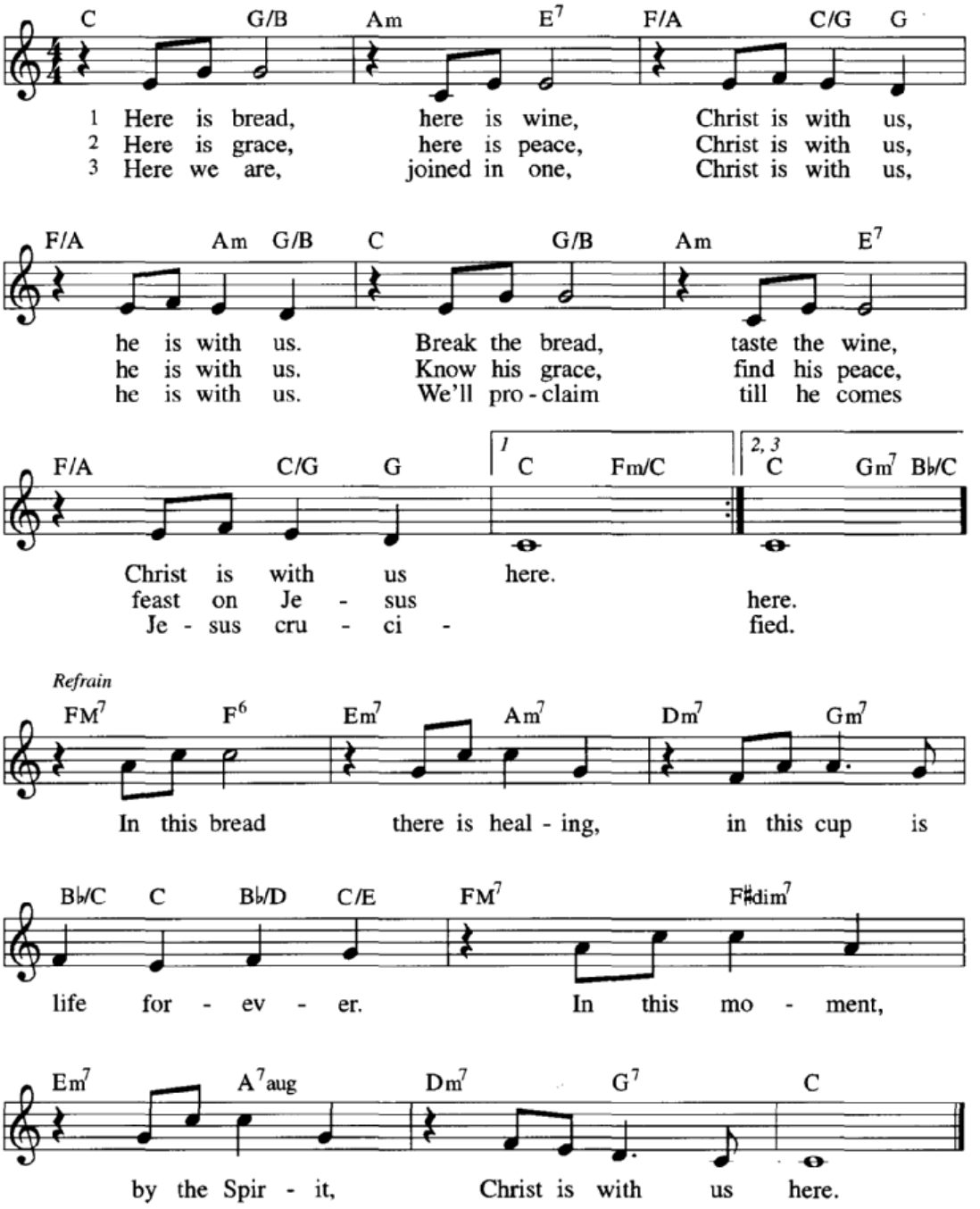
**C: Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done,**
**on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins**
**as we forgive those**
**who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial**
**and deliver us from evil,**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours,**
**now and forever. Amen.**

## Communion Invitation

*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.*

Communion Hymn W&P #58 "*Here is Bread*"



## Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## Closing Hymn ELW #503 "A *Mighty Fortress Is Our God*"



## Announcements

**Presentation by Concordia Place** Grace Araya, President and CEO
Nathaniel Viets-VanLear, VP of Youth Development and Impact

## Dismissal

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
**C: Amen**

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** From "*Fantasie*" on the Shaker hymn "*Simple Gifts*"
In Memory of Lisa Compton Bellocchio by Paul Fey

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**Today's celebrants:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Nicholas Zook
**Deacon:** Christina Mitchell
**Lector:** —
**Greeter:** Guenter Siedel
**Song Leaders:** Marisa Mladenovic, Ariel Andrew, Katherine Dalin, Katherine Peterson, Benjamin Burney, Joe Dennis, Avery Sujkowski, Ryan Alexander
**Choir members:** Dan Lantvit, Bates McIntyre Larson, Maggie Larson, Kunying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
**Organist & Choir Director:** Paul D. Dykstra
**Instrumentalist:** Mike Leavens, Jhoan Garcia
**A/V Engineers:** Matt Flanagan and Katherine Beberman

# Announcements

Worship is held each Sunday at 10am and available both in-person and via livestream.

We welcome visitors to fill out a visitor card so that we can connect with you further. Please also be sure to receive a 'Welcome bag' in the back.

**Adult Study**

Adult Study is each Sunday morning at 9am in the church office. Pastor Zook leads the study. Currently, the group is reading and discussing 'Becoming a Hybrid Church' by Dave Daubert, in conjunction with our Stewardship campaign.

**Sunday School**

Sunday School will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. The next session will be on November 1st. The lesson for the day will focus on the theme or readings for that day and include a story and craft or activity. All kids are welcome to join and will leave service with their Sunday School teachers before the readings begin.

**Stewardship this Fall**

Our Stewardship campaign for the fall continues today with our second conversation. This year, we are focusing on our connections - connections to each other, to our online worshippers, and our larger community. On three different Sundays this fall, we will take time during the worship service to share about our connections in these three areas and dream about what we can do to extend and strengthen these connections. The schedule will be as follows:

**October 25th** - Connections with our Neighborhood and Larger Community
**November 8th** - Connections with our Hybrid worship attendees

We invite you to take part in these discussions as you ponder and pray about your stewardship commitments of time, talent, and financial gifts as we prepare for 2027.

# Fall Schedule of Events

## October 28th

A special Halloween **Walk and Wonder at 6:30pm -** Meet out front of church to walk through the neighborhood together!

## November 1st

**All Saints Sunday -** We will be naming the honored dead during the service this week. Please send names you'd like read to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org or fill out the insert in your bulletin in late October.

**Sunday School during Worship**

## November 6th

**'A British Invasion!' by Lakeshore Brass at 7pm–** A British Invasion is a concert celebrating the songs, sounds, and traditions of the British Isles. The program features music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, Malcolm Arnold, and a few other proper legends — stirring melodies, rich harmonies, and just enough cheeky charm to keep things interesting. Popcorn and drinks with ticket purchase; purchase tickets at lakeshorebrass.com.

## November 8th

**Pledge Sunday (Stewardship Campaign Week 3) -** Today is the third and final week of our Stewardship presentations. This week, we'll explore how to better connect with our hybrid worshippers.

Smart Clicks, Safer Connections at 11am—Come to a FREE Sunday edition of 'Tech Together' where you'll learn how to protect yourself and your family online. Leave feeling educated and empowered!

## November 11th

**Walk and Wonder at 6:30pm -** Meet out front of church to walk through the neighborhood together!

## November 15th

**Thanksgiving Service –** We will worship together in gratitude for our good gifts.

**Sunday School during Worship**

**Potluck following Worship**

**Youth Group at 12pm**—Meet at our Whipple location to pack care packages

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## A Special Sunday Edition of

# TECH TOGETHER

## Smart Clicks, Safer Connections

### Protecting Yourself in a Digital World

## November 8th at 11am

**Do you know how to spot a scam?**
**What do you do if you accidentally clicked that link?**
**How can you ensure your accounts are safe?**
**What's the best way to keep up with your passwords?**

**FREE!**
**Register here**

Get the answers to all of these in this workshop. Leave educated and empowered to protect yourself and your family in our digital world.

Led by
Albert Contreras



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# TECH TOGETHER



**Learn, ask questions, and discover new ways technology can help in everyday life. Each month we'll explore a different topic in a friendly, no-pressure environment.**

## Why Don't My Photos Look Like That?

**Thursday, September 24th @ 6:30pm**

*You CAN take good photos with your smartphone! Learn how to take good pics, organize them, and share them with friends and family.*





## Can You Help Me With This?

**Thursday, October 15th @ 6:30pm**

*Having problems with your devices or have questions about how to use a certain app or program? Bring your devices and your questions!*

## What is A.I. and How Can It Help Me?

**Thursday, November 12th @ 6:30pm**

*Learn how A.I. works and discover practical ways it can save time, spark ideas, and simplify everyday tasks.*




**– All sessions are FREE and open to the public! –**

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# THANKSGIVING SERVICE

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

### 10am Worship Service

Including special music + prayers
Sunday School for children

### 11am Thanksgiving Potluck

Fellowship together over lunch!
Please bring a dish to share.



**We're collecting hats, gloves, and mittens for ages 0-18 as part of the Wishing Stars program for Concordia Place. Bring your donations on this Sunday!**

Sign up for the potluck on the sheet in back of the sanctuary OR scan the QR code to RSVP

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# YOUTH GROUP

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE PROJECT

## NOVEMBER 15TH AT 12PM

3300 N WHIPPLE ST



**Help organize Thanksgiving care packages for our neighbors in need, then enjoy some scavenger hunt fun!**

**We invite parents to join youth in this service project!**

**RSVP HERE!**

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# WALK & WONDER

**Join us for casual one(ish)-hour walks around our neighborhood. Walk at your own pace, stay for as long as you'd like, and enjoy friendly conversation along the way.**

## 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS EACH MONTH

beginning September 9th

## 6:30PM - MEET AT CONCORDIA CHURCH

**Hosted by Concordia and open to everyone, Walk & Wonder is about community, curiosity, and light exercise —no religious program or expectations, just neighbors walking together.**

Qustions? Email Desirae Contreras, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

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YouTube **Concordia Church Chicago**

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

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### Hymn of Praise — ELW #867 "In Thee Is Gladness"

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

### Offertory Hymn — W&P #5 "*All That We Have*"

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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### *Closing Hymn* — ELW #504 "*A Mighty Fortress*"

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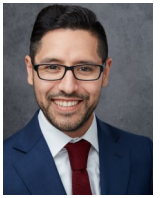
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